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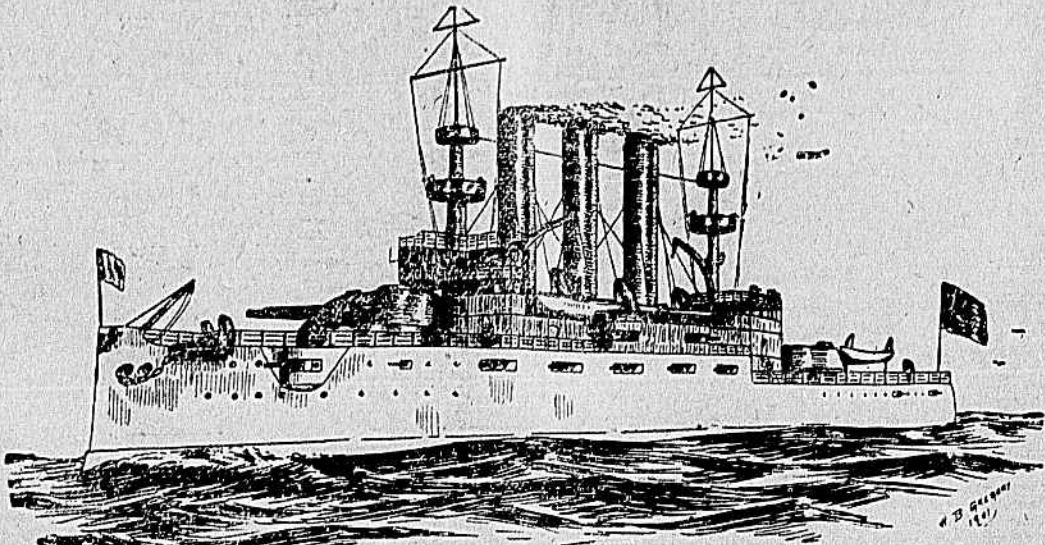
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RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY APRIL 14, 1904.

This is Bargain Day in Richmond. Read the Messages from the Merchants.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION ON BOARD THE MISSOURI



BATTLESHIP MISSOURI, ON WHICH THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia—Fair, continued cool Thursday; Friday fair, light northwest to north winds.
North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday, variable winds.

The day in Richmond yesterday was for the most part far from springlike, being cold and bleak, with gusts of wind, whirling the sand of the streets.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.	
9 A. M.	41
12 M.	40
3 P. M.	45
6 P. M.	51
9 P. M.	51
12 M.	51
Average	45 1/2

Highest temperature yesterday..... 55
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 40
Mean temperature yesterday..... 49
Normal temperature yesterday..... 52
Departure from normal temperature..... 3

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	April 14, 1904.
Sun rises..... 5:38	HIGH TIDE.
Sun sets..... 6:43	Morning..... 2:45
Moon rises..... 5:01	Evening..... 4:50

Richmond.
All candidates for the mayoralty will address a vote at the Convention Hall tonight. Splendid celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson by Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa Society, Directors of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company propose to issue six millions of new preferred stock for purpose of retiring floating debt, created last summer. Stockholders meet May 18th.—Third Congressional District Committee to meet next Monday to fix date of primary. Tur and Elliott's new papers to be taken from here for exhibition at St. Louis Exposition.—Deaths of Mr. R. A. McHenry, Mrs. A. A. Scott and others.—State Board of Education elects superintendent of Amelia county and completes book list for two lower grades. Site for engine house in the West End enlarged and baths opened to public patronage.—Revels of unusual interest at Grove Avenue, and the new building. Churches.—Baptist at Executive Mansion in honor of Dr. Albert Shaw, of New York. MANCHESTER.—Meeting of City Council at 8 p. m. Debate at the City Hall on the proposed new city hall. Position to the incumbents.—Dalmio Klein to assemble.—Funeral of Mrs. Talbot this afternoon.—Death of Mrs. Mary, of Wytheville, from dysentery. McNeill is all right.—Revels at Balmbridge Street Church.

Virginia.
The General Board of the State Hospital for the Insane in session at the Central State Hospital in Petersburg. Examinations of the Central. Young lady who was mysteriously missing from Petersburg heard from. In Manchester heard by Judge Watson without a jury, and will be carried to the Supreme Court. E. S. McGinnis, a student at Wytheville, from dysentery for killing.—Captain Warren S. Lundy heavily fined in Winchester for assault with a pistol and for carrying concealed weapons.—South Hill Bank increases its capital stock and will erect new bank building.—Major Cook, twice Mayor of Norfolk, extremely ill.—Debate at the University of Virginia and Pennsylvania.

North Carolina.
Women in Durham who refuse to be vaccinated are confined in house of detention at hotel prices.—Murderous assault made on Mr. J. C. McNeill at Enfield, N. C., at his home at night.—A new gun club organized in Durham with fifteen members.—Young ladies in Durham poisoned by sleeping in freshly painted room.—Decision by Supreme Court expected to have radical effect on salmon question in the State.—The United States Fish Commission has been ordered to investigate condition of condition of Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad during secret meetings.—Examination of applicants for Civil Divides scholarships in progress in Raleigh, with five applicants.—Greensboro likely to adopt automatic telephone unless Bell withdraws schedule of increased charges.

General.
Explosion on board U. S. battleship Missouri kills twenty-nine, five officers and twenty-four men; turret blown up and four charges of powder explode; one Virginian among the dead.—Russian battleship Petropavlovsk blown up by mine and Vice-Admiral Makaroff by mine and those who went down with her.—Jefferson celebration at Ironquod Club marked by demonstration for Allies.—Philippine bill up in House, and Mr. Jones opposes measure.—Panama matter taken up in Senate.—English torpedo boat destroyer in progress in Raleigh, with five applicants.—Greensboro likely to adopt automatic telephone unless Bell withdraws schedule of increased charges.

Twenty-nine Lives are Lost and the Battleship is Barely Saved from Complete Destruction as Result of the Disaster.

EVERY MAN IN TURRET LOST.

All of Them Killed Outright and Only One Escapes from the Handling Room—Powder Ignited by Gases Causing the Catastrophe.

(By Associated Press.)
PENSACOLA, FLA., April 13.—By the explosion of two thousand pounds of powder, in the after 12-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Captain William S. Cowles, commanding, twenty-nine men were instantly killed and five injured, two of whom will die.

The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice about noon, when a charge of powder in the 12-inch left-hand gun exploded, ignited from gases and, dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room and all exploded. Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives. But for the prompt and efficient work of Captain Cowles, in flooding the handling room and magazine with water, one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

HOW THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED.
Captain Cowles, completely overcome by the disaster, referred all newspaper men to Lieutenant Hammer, the ordnance officer. The latter gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to his statement, about noon, after the first pointer of the after 12-inch turret had fired his string and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded and from all indications, the first half of the charge had been rammed home and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot previously fired or portions of the cloth cover ignited the powder. The breach was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, somewhat more fierce, occurred. This was in the handling room below, where sixteen hundred pounds of powder, or four charges, ready to be hoisted above, had ignited.

FIRE QUARTERS SOUNDED.
Fire quarters were sounded and every man of the ship responded and the magazine and handling rooms were flooded with water. In less than five seconds, after the first explosion, two streams of water were being played in the rooms and the volunteers were called for and every man of the ship responded, eager to go into the turrets and rescue the crew. Captain Cowles gave the commands and but for his presence of mind, together with that of the officers of the ship, the Missouri would have gone down.

The second explosion occurred near one of the magazines and so hot was the fire that the brass work of the magazines was melted. Smoke and the fumes of the burned powder made it almost impossible to enter the turret or the handling room, but officers and men with handkerchiefs over their faces made efforts to rescue the men inside. Loading the rescuing party, was Captain Cowles. The officers endeavored to keep him from going below, as men fell unconscious as they entered and had to be pulled out by their comrades, but unheeding their advice, the commanding officer rushed below, followed by Lieutenant Hammer, the ordnance officer, and Lieutenant Cleland Davis.

CAPTAIN COWLES RESCUES WOUNDED.
Captain Cowles caught up a dying bluejacket in his arms and staggered to the deck with him. The bluejacket, with two others from the handling room, had crawled partly from their place of duty when they had been overcome. Before the fumes of the burning powder had left the turret, officers and men were lifting out the dying and dead men.

Three minutes after the explosion all were on deck and the surgeons from the Missouri, Texas and Brooklyn were attending to those not dead. The twenty-five men of the turret were found lying in a heap. They had started for the exit when the first explosion occurred and had just reached it, when the more terrible explosion in the handling room occurred, which burned and strangled them to death. Lieutenant Davidson, the officer in charge of the turret, had evidently given some command, as he was on top of the heap of men having fallen there after he had allowed them to pass him to get out of the turret.

The bodies were hardly recognizable, the terrible and quick fire having burnt the clothing from the bodies of the men and the flesh hung from them in shreds. The faces were mutilated by the smoke and flames. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued and he died a moment after he reached deck.

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Alpha Chapter, Its New Members, Embracing Prominent Men of This and Other States, Its Former Members Equally Notable, Enjoy Feast.

Yesterday the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson was splendidly observed in Richmond under the distinguished auspices of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest of the "Greek letter" fraternities of America.

The features of the celebration were the invitation last night of a number of prominent men—men who have made a name and work for themselves in their widely different vocations—into the fellowship of the society; an address on Jefferson by Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, one of the ablest periodicals in America, at 8:15 P. M. in the historic Virginia Capitol, the model for which Jefferson selected 119 years ago, and finally a notable elegant banquet.



DR. ALBERT SHAW.

Dr. Shaw's address not only showed close study of the life and writings and public utterances of the great Virginia Statesman, but a broad grasp of present day economic and sociologic and governmental problems. Scarcely a speaker gifted with such nice discrimination in the use of words and such apt, forceful and felicitous expression as Mr. Shaw. It was a virile, thoughtful and thought-inspiring discourse, and a disarming eulogy of a constructive statesman by a man having a sufficiently broad grasp of tenets and opinions of the Virginian to make his estimate and analysis valuable.

Dr. Shaw reviewed at length the broad and statesman-like opinions of Mr. Jefferson, showing how far into the future the "Sage of Monticello" was able to look. He demonstrated from the great Democratic letter and public writings that he entertained an abiding faith in the future of the Republic.

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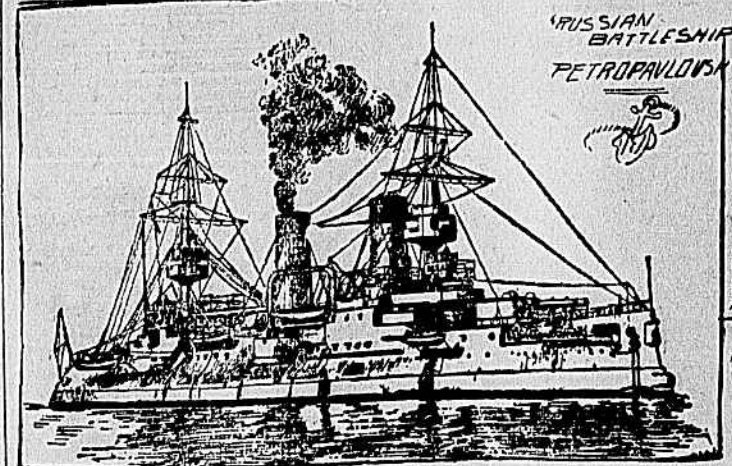
The 10 advertisements for help published in today's Times-Dispatch on page 10, are as follows:

3 Trades	1 Salesman
1 Agent	3 Domestic
2 Miscellaneous	

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

JAPS SINK RUSSIAN SHIP ADMIRAL MAKAROFF LOST

The Petropavlovsk Sunk by Torpedoes and Entire Crew of 600 Lost, Including Duke Cyril, Who is Seriously Injured.



'RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP PETROPAULOVSK'



ADMIRAL MAKAROFF.

RUSSIANS ARE DISMAYED

Loss of Their Best Ship Gives Admiral Togo Practically Undisturbed Control of the Harbor and Transports May Pass in—Reloading in Tokyo; Lam-entations at St. Petersburg.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 14.—No actual news has yet reached London beyond the Russian telegrams, but dispatches from Wei Hai Wei induce the confident belief here that a naval engagement occurred off Port Arthur of a severe character and that later telegrams will show that the Russians suffered a more severe loss than is yet admitted.

Nothing in the way of news has been received here from the Japanese side, but a rumor has reached Rome that Vice-Admiral Makaroff's squadron was attacked by the whole Japanese fleet, concealed behind the Miaokiao Islands (Miaotao Island) and his retreat was cut off and he was forced to fight against odds with the result that all his ships were damaged, while the Petropavlovsk was surrounded by torpedo boats, struck by five torpedoes and blown up.

Another rumor is to the effect that Rear-Admiral Molais is among those killed aboard the Petropavlovsk. No great attention is given to these rumors, but the universal opinion here is that the official explanation of the disaster are unsatisfactory.

TOO WEAK FOR TOGO; TRANSPORTS MAY PASS

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 13. Even if Rear-Admiral Outomsky, who is now in charge of the fleet at Port Arthur, is able to go to sea with four battleships, which it is not certain he can do, Vice-Admiral Togo could bring against him a greatly superior force. It is pointed out that all the Japanese admirals now do is to be outside Port Arthur and transports can pass with absolute impunity.

Amateur strategists work numerous possibilities in the situation resulting from the loss of another battleship and admit at every one does to-night, that the outlook on the sea is decidedly gloomy for the Russians.

According to later reports, Grand Duke Cyril was more seriously injured than at first believed. He has been removed to a hospital at Port Arthur for treatment. Despite the statements in the dispatches, the Grand Duchess Vladimire believes that her son is dead, saying: "Everybody has been killed and I cannot believe that Cyril was saved."

It is stated that Viceroy Alexieff will assume command of the naval forces in the Far East, presumably pending the arrival of Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky.

Another Attack Reported.

(By Associated Press.)
CHIEF FOO, April 13.—An unconfirmed report from a Japanese source, states that the Japanese reopened the bombardment of

RUSSIA'S DISASTER OFFICIALLY REPORTED

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—6:38 P. M.—The following official dispatch has been received here from Rear-Admiral Grigorovich, the commandant at Port Arthur, addressed to the Emperor: "Port Arthur, April 13th.

"The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice-Admiral Makaroff evidently was lost. Grand Duke Cyril was saved. He is slightly injured. Captain Jakovlev was saved, though severely injured, as were five officers and thirty-two men, all more or less injured. The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear-Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has assumed command of the fleet."

The following dispatch to the Czar has been received from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Muckden, April 13th.
"A telegram has just been received from Lieutenant-General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur. I regret to report to your majesty that the Pacific fleet has suffered irreparable loss by the death of its brave and capable commander, who was lost, together with the Petropavlovsk."

Another dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar says: "According to reports from the commandant at Port Arthur, the battleships and cruisers went out to meet the enemy, but in consequence of the enemy receiving reinforcements, making his total strength thirty vessels, our squadron returned to the roadstead, whereupon the Petropavlovsk touched a mine, resulting in her destruction. Grand Duke Cyril, who was on board, was saved. He was slightly injured. The whole squadron then re-entered port. The Japanese are now off Cape Liao-Shan. No reports had been received from the acting commander of the fleet up to the time this dispatch was sent."

BEST SHIP; HOW VICTORY BEST SAILOR MAY BE HAD

The Losses Suffered by Russia in Port Arthur Fight Are So Regarded.

By Paul Lambeth.
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch. Copyright.)

LONDON, April 13.—If the reports of the disaster to the Russian squadron off Port Arthur which have reached here are confirmed by later news, it may cause a complete change in the Russian campaign.

It is certain that the Russians have lost the fine battleship Petropavlovsk and that Admiral Makaroff, the best fighting sailor in the Russian service, went down with his flagship. It is also reported, though this report has not received official confirmation, that another Russian battleship was sunk in the engagement and that several others of the larger Russian vessels were so seriously damaged as to put them out of commission. If this is true, it is doubtful if Russia will attempt to send the Baltic and Mediterranean squadrons to the Far East.

"With two battleships subtracted from the Asiatic forces and other vessels injured, so as to render them unavailable for the fighting line, it would be possible for Admiral Togo to leave a force at Port Arthur sufficient to hold the Russians there, while he could take with him to meet the Russian reinforcements, a fleet strong enough to meet and beat them." This statement was made to

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